

F-5-63

William Walker House

Ca. 1860

Bartonsville, Maryland vicinity

Frederick County, Maryland

Private

The William Walker House is a two story frame, L-shaped house built about 1860 with an early 20th century porch on its west elevation and french doors replacing many of its original window and door openings. A small frame barn of about the same date is located south of the house. Identified as William Walker's house in the 1873 Atlas of Frederick County, the house is a fair example of a typical rural dwelling of the third quarter of the 19th century. It is scheduled to be demolished for a new subdivision development.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties,
and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:
Domestic/Single dwelling/residence
Domestic/Subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William Walker House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 5818 Tobery Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Bartonsville ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name J. Ray Remsburg, III

street & number c/o Frederick Underwriters, Inc. telephone no.:

1201 East Street

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1495

street & number 100 W. Patrick St. folio 737

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 2

(Typed on separate sheet)

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Ca. 1860

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

(Typed on separate sheet)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Land Records of Frederick County
Nickens, Lord, personal interview by phone, July 18, 1991
Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Walkersville, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 78; Parcel 22

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date July, 1991

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city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
301-514-7600

7.1 Description

The William Walker House is a two-story frame house built about 1860 with an extended porch added in the first decade of the 20th century and a rear ell which may contain some log structure and may be the earliest portion of the structure. The house is located on the west side of Tobery Road about 100 yards southwest of the intersection of Tobery and Bartonsville Road in the village of Bartonsville, Maryland. The principal elevation faces west toward the Monocacy River which is about 1/2 mile distant. Also on the property are a small frame barn south of the dwelling which may be contemporary with the house, but has been considerably altered in both interior structure and exterior covering, and two wells located north of the house.

The house has a stone foundation and german siding, a gable standing seam roof with a box cornice, and interior end chimneys. The west elevation has three original bays which are largely obscured by the screen-enclosed porch, which has an extended deck at the northwest corner of the house. The porch structure is covered with clapboard siding. The main entry is in the center bay of the house. Both the door and the north window bay on the first floor have been replaced with french doors, which are probably part of the early 20th century alteration period. The second story windows are 2/2 and are flanked by louvered shutters, some of which are deteriorated. The south elevation of the main section has a single bay on the second story where french doors apparently were installed in the early 20th century to give access to a small balcony built at the same time. The balcony is missing, but its outline is visible on the siding below the french doors. The north gable end has two window bays on each floor with 2/2 sash. Both gables have two square windows at the attic level.

The rear ell extends from the northeast corner of the house. An integral two story porch faces south on the south side of the ell. The first level of the porch is enclosed with a continuous wall of casement windows with a set of french doors at the end near the main section of the house. The upper level of the porch is open with a plain balustrade. The ell has two chimneys, one located near the center of the roof and the other inside the east gable end. There is a visible dividing joint between the stone foundations of the main and ell sections on the north elevation. A common sequence of building in the mid-19th century was the rear section being the first erected with the cooking fireplace where the residence was maintained until the main section was built. No other evidence to suggest this sequence at the Walker House has been identified; however, the possibility can not be excluded.

The interior plan of the house seems to have been originally a two-room type with a stair near the center of the house, or possibly a center hall-type. A cross partition wall to the left of the stairs, possibly part of the early 20th century alterations, enclosed the stairs completely from the two parlors. The south parlor has a Federal style mantel with fluted pilasters which appears to be older than the house itself. The west window in the south parlor is 6/6. The architraves are plain flat boards. The north parlor has a painted brick fireplace dating from the second quarter of the 20th century. The dining room in the west part of the ell has a crown molding which may date from the early 20th century.

7.2 Description (continued)

The exterior chimney in the ell roof over this room indicates a fireplace once opened in the room, but there was no visible trace on the walls at the time of survey. The kitchen which occupies the west end of the ell is a mid-20th century alteration. An enclosed stair to the second story of the ell is located in the northwest corner of the kitchen. Doors on both the north and south elevations open from the kitchen. A fireplace opening is located in the west wall.

Two wells are located north of the house, one in a grove of trees to the northwest and the other in the yard immediately north of the ell. Both are capped with concrete.

The barn is located south of the house. It is a rectangular plan structure with vertical siding and a standing seam metal roof. It appears to have had a center feeding aisle flanked by two stall ranks. The openings on the east elevation have been widened and the stall structures mostly removed. Three square loft doors are located on the east elevation above the doors. The interior frame of the barn has some hand-hewn timbers. The vertical siding is circular sawn, indicating that the date of the barn is probably in the last quarter of the 19th century. It is now used as a machine and repair shop. The doors are corrugated metal.

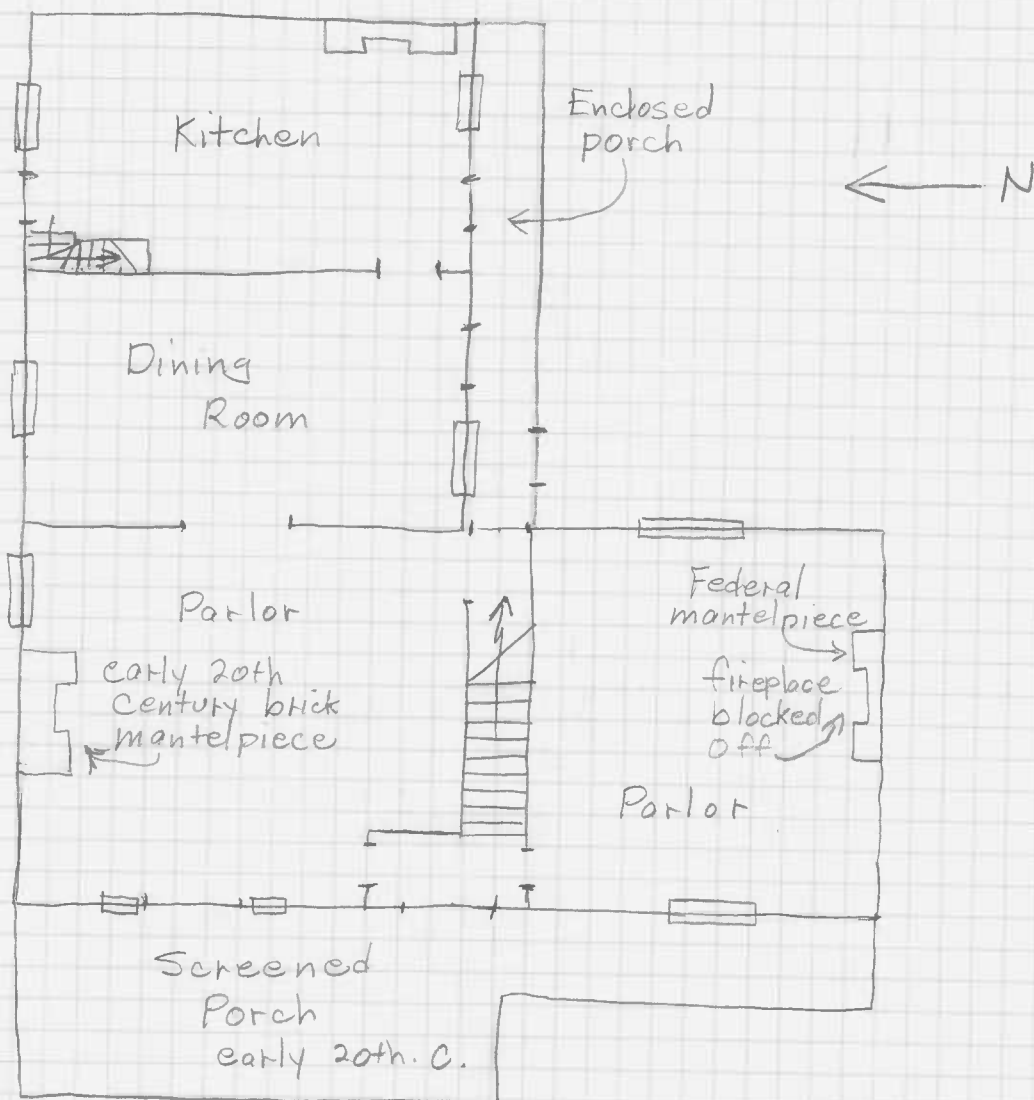
8.1 Significance

The William Walker House is a fair example of a vernacular dwelling of the third quarter of the 19th century which has been altered in the early 20th century. The elliptical architraves of the added porch on the west elevation are characteristic of bungalows and four square houses of the first decade of the 20th century, while the integral porch and generally L-shape plan of the house are typical of the mid and late 19th century rural house.

Compared with other known dwellings of the same period in Frederick County, the Walker House is ranked only in the minimal quality range because of the highly visible porch alterations and window and door replacements. In addition, the number of existing houses of the type of the period is relatively high, suggesting that a large number of them would be better representatives of the type and chronological period.

William Walker purchased the property in late 1866 and the house is shown identified as "Wm. Walker" on the Titus 1873 Atlas of Frederick County. No other information on Walker has been located. The village of Bartonsville is known to have been an early black settlement, according to Mr. Lord Nickens. Its history and the possible connection of the Walker farm to its development remain to be researched.

The Walker House and barn are to be demolished for a proposed subdivision development, River Oaks.



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William Walker Hoose
Frederick County

Janet Davis
July 9, 1991

Not to scale

Bever Oaks

LIBER/FOL.	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1495/737 27 Jan 88	James P. Ramsburg III	Wm. N. Rose & Celia R. Rose		\$500,000	
793/261 30 Oct 68	Wm. & Celia Rose	James P. & Agnes E. Graham	Skyland 95A.		
426/42 15 Nov 40	James P. Graham & wife	Elizabeth DeChantal Smith, undivided undivided			
Will Read MFS 1/147 17 Jan 33	Elizabeth DeChantal Smith	Louis F. Smith			
374/557 15 Jul 30	Louis F. Smith	Carrie Rudy Smith			
336/418 16 Nov 21	Carrie Rudy Smith	Wm. J. Groue surviving trustee			
WIP 9/42 12 Mar 1889	Wm. J. Groue Catherine C. Groue, Sarah A. Groue trustees	John B. Best mortgagee			
AF 7/62 26 Mar 83	George ^{Brunner} Brunner mortgagee	Wm. R. & Mary A. E. Walker	Line and Lake 69A.		

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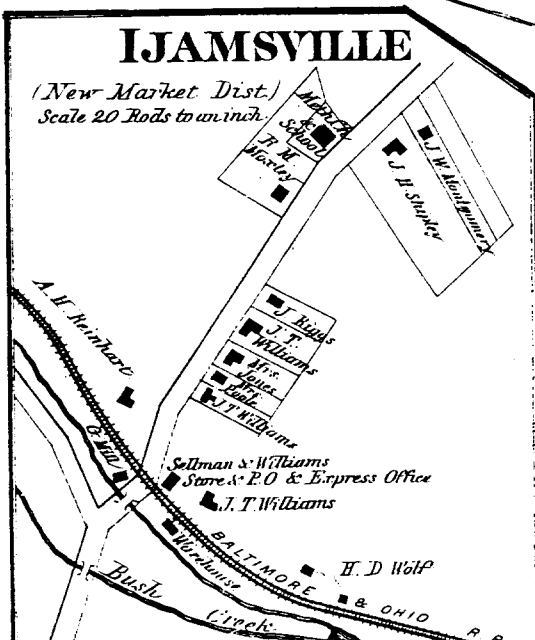
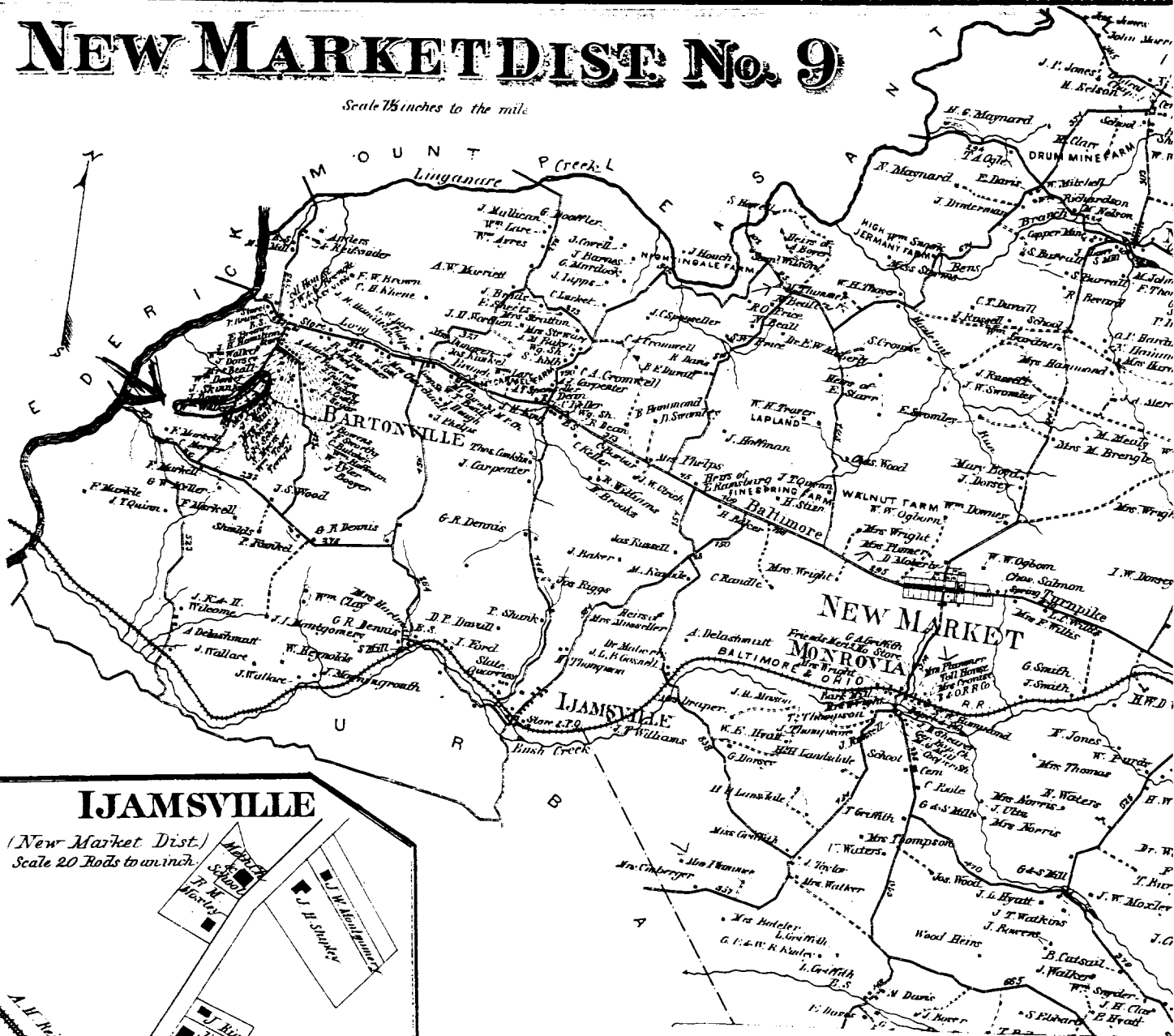
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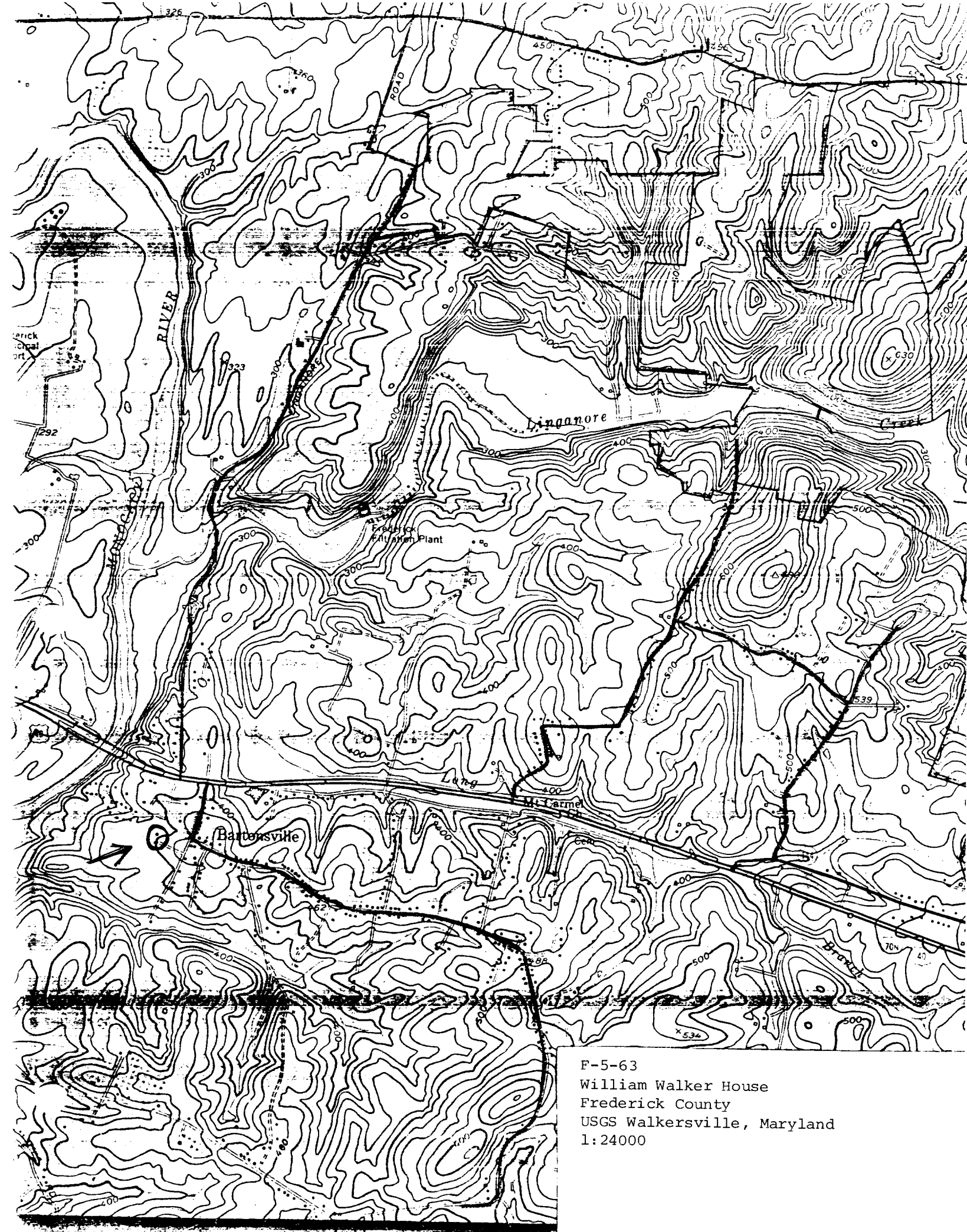
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NEW MARKET DIST No. 9

Scale 1/4 inches to the mile



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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873



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William Walker House
Frederick County
USGS Walkersville, Maryland
1:24000



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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

West elevation

1/5



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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

North elevation

2/5



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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPo. Crownsville, Md

East elevation

3/5



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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

South parlor mantel (poor focus)

4/5



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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Barn, east elevation

5/5